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## DIGEST

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HB No. 619

**Abstract:** Provides for the dedication of a portion of truck and trailer taxes and fees collected in the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, Tangipahoa, and St. Tammany.

Present law (R.S. 48:197) provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of La., and after making the allocation for state highway fund No. 2, the treasurer shall deposit into the Transportation Trust Fund 50% of all funds derived from the collection of registration and license fees and taxes collected by the state pursuant to R.S. 47:462 (truck and trailer registration), and as provided in R.S. 47:481, in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, Tangipahoa, and St. Tammany.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law (R.S. 47:7018) provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2013, after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of La., and after making the allocation for state highway fund No. 2, all funds derived from the collection of registration and license fees and taxes collected by the state in Orleans Parish pursuant in to R.S. 47:462 (truck and trailer registration), and as provided in R.S. 47:481, shall be deposited into the Algiers-Canal Street Ferry Fund. Present law is only effective if the election called to determine whether or not tolls are collected on the Crescent City Connection results in the collection of tolls.

Proposed law retains present law if tolls are collected on the Crescent City Connection and repeals present law if tolls are not collected on the Crescent City Connection.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:7018.1) provides that beginning July 1, 2013, after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of La., and after making the allocation for state highway fund No. 2, all funds derived from the collection of registration and license fees and taxes collected by the state in Orleans Parish pursuant in to R.S. 47:462 (truck and trailer registration), and as provided in R.S. 47:481, shall be deposited into the Algiers-Canal Street Ferry Fund. Proposed law is only effective if the election called to determine whether or not tolls are collected on the Crescent City Connection does not result in the collection of tolls.

Proposed law (R.S. 48:197.1) creates as a special fund within the state treasury, the "State Highway Fund No. 3". Proposed law provides that beginning on July 1, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the

Constitution of La., and after making the allocation for state highway fund No. 2, the treasurer shall deposit into the fund 50% of all funds derived from the collection of registration and license fees and taxes collected by the state pursuant to R.S. 47:462 (truck and trailer registration fees and taxes), and as provided in R.S. 47:481, in the parishes of Jefferson, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, Tangipahoa, and St. Tammany.

Proposed law provides that the monies in State Highway Fund No. 3 shall be subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature and used exclusively for the following purposes:

- (1) Sweeping of the Crescent City Connection Bridge at least twice a week.
- (2) Cutting the grass along U.S. 90Z from Interstate 10 to U.S. 90 at least 20 times a year.
- (3) Litter collection on the Westbank Expressway at least 100 times a year from Terry Parkway to the Harvey Canal, at least 26 times a year from Circle Drive West to Westward Drive, and at least 12 times a year from Westward Drive to the intersection of U.S. 90.
- (4) Ornamental lighting on the Crescent City Connection Bridge.
- (5) Police functions on the Crescent City Connection Bridge, the Huey P. Long Bridge; the Pontchartrain Expressway from the Crescent City Connection Bridge to the Broad Street overpass in Orleans Parish; on the westbank of the Mississippi River, in the area bounded on the north by General Meyer Avenue, on the south by the Magellan Canal, on the west by Shirley Drive, and on the east by Pace Boulevard; and, on the Westbank Expressway, but not beyond the western most convergence of the Westbank Expressway and U.S. 90.

Proposed law provides that no monies in the proposed Highway Fund No. 3 shall be used by any entity for any of the following purposes:

- (1) As part of the Transportation Trust Fund Regular.
- (2) To fund operations of any office, section, division, or other entity under the authority of any public entity for anything other than the purposes which this Act authorizes.
- (3) To finance, supplement, or in any manner fund any La. Transportation Authority project.
- (4) To finance, supplement, or in any manner fund any other projects in the state of La., particularly those contained in provisions of law providing for the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development.
- (5) To finance, supplement, or in any manner fund any ferry operated in the state.

Proposed law provides for special effective dates, to provide for effectiveness of provisions depending upon the results of the May 5, 2013, election regarding Crescent City Collection tolls.

(Amends R.S. 47:481 and R.S. 48:196(A)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 47:7018.1 and R.S. 48:197.1;  
Repeals R.S. 47:7018 and R.S. 48:197)